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30 million pieces of silver?

THE TWELVE men pictured on this page may soon become the victims of the greatest betrayal in African history.

Along with three other men whose pictures are not available, they constitute a majority of the active leadership of the banned Pan Africanist Congress of South Africa.

Up until the end of January this year they were granted political asylum and sanctuary in Lesotho. But following Chief Leabua Jonathan's seizure of power — in which he suspended the Constitution and declared a state of emergency — the 15 PAC leaders were suddenly arrested and thrown into Maseru Prison.

Reports filtering out of Maseru, the capital of land-locked Lesotho which is surrounded on all sides by South Africa, indicate that Chief Jonathan is now preparing to negotiate with Prime Minister John Vorster to hand over the PAC leaders to South African police in exchange for desperately needed financial help.

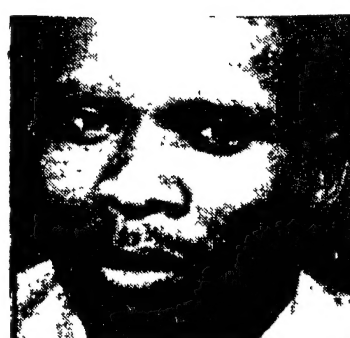
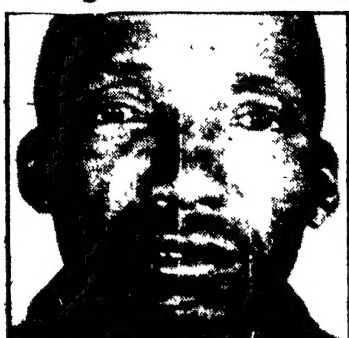
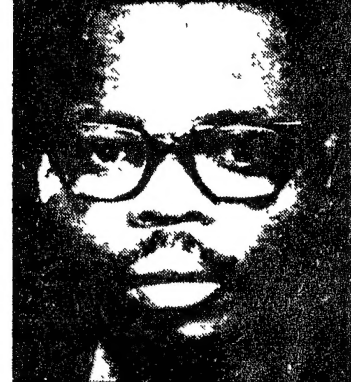
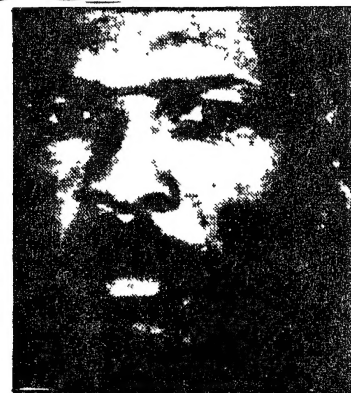
Chief Jonathan's apparent eagerness to betray his fellow-Africans obviously stems from the British Government's recent decision that it would not recognise his coup and was not prepared to continue giving aid to Lesotho.

Reliable sources in Southern Africa claim that Chief Jonathan will demand at least 30 million shillings in cash as his price for sending the 15 men to their almost certain death. It is believed the secret talks began some weeks ago, but were postponed until after the results of the South African general elections were known.

At the Ministerial Conference of the OAU held at Addis Ababa in February, the Lesotho delegation promised that the 15 leaders would be released and would not be handed over to South Africa. But a secret message smuggled out of Maseru Prison a few days ago said there was no sign the men would be freed and appealed to world opinion to act before it was too late.

SUNDAY NATION, April 26, 1970

From top left to top right: Elliot Mfana, National Organiser; Reuben Rigala, Secretary at National HQ; L. Sotyato, Williot Rawana, F. Ntozini, T. Booi, Sipho Sobuxa, C. Xhago, S. Kwankwa, Zwelinzima Dipu, A. Qingana and Pearce Linda Gqobose, Acting Treasurer General; the undesignated are all Regional Leaders.



Leabua's terror & treachery



● The burnt out home of Mr. Ramatselane Letuka, after a raid by members of the Youth League.

Culprit



Roach: 'Westminster system won't work here'

EVERSINCE he was humiliatingly rejected by the Lesotho people at the polls in January, Leabua Jonathan, self-styled premier, has clung to power by unleashing a reign of terror comparable only to the Boer aggression during the last century when his father, whom he has so faithfully taken after, capitulated and sought to collaborate with the invaders. On the front page are pictures of 12 of scores of political exiles from Azania whose lives Leabua is prepared to horse-trade with Vorster and the Top Left picture on this page shows one of the houses wrecked by Leabua's hordes and para-military police under the leadership of a British imperialist officer, Frederic Roach (bottom left), who learnt his terrorist tactics in Malaya. Roach told the Sunday Times, London, May 3, that the "Westminster system won't work here". The so-called Youth League of Leabua is trained - are you surprised? - by an Israeli officer, S. Reshef (see Johannesburg POST of April 26 which also published the above left photo).

In the Johannesburg Star on November 22, '69, the now detained leader of the victorious Basutoland Congress Party, Ntsu Mokhehle predicted: "Chief Jonathan is actually trying to stir up trouble so that he can put the election aside and retain power. With a free election both he and his party would be finished and he is desperate to hang on to power at all costs". This power hungry maniac hopes to perpetuate his reactionary rule through terror at home and treachery abroad.

DETAINING SOBUKWE COST £43000 IN 5 YEARS

The London Evening News reports on April 21 that the South African Justice Minister has disclosed that it cost their regime £43000 to detain the leader of PAC Mangaliso Sobukwe (right) in five years on Robben Island. Sobukwe spent six years there after a 3 year hard labour sentence for leading the Sharpeville uprisings.



Editorial:THE S.A. ELECTION FARCE

When South Africa's two million odd white settlers went to the polls in April, they went there to exercise their exclusive right to choose which oppressor they think carries out the job of subjugating the 16 million Black people best, and not to ease the yoke of apartheid, as the bourgeois western press tried so hard to suggest. Predictably Vorster and his cronies were returned to power.

Why Vorster? Over the past 22 years the National Party has done the job better than any of the white bigots who have ruled South Africa since 1910 when British imperialism handed over the instruments of government to the white settler minority, over and above the protestations and, indeed, the universal rights of the African majority. The Nats have perfected the system of "keeping the kaffir" in his place: they have enacted efficient legislation for depriving the African of all his political rights; his rights for collective bargaining; his freedom of movement; his right to sell his labour to whom he may choose, and when he is unemployed they have a low ceiling to ensure he never earns more than "is good for the Native". You name it and they have got it.

To back up their oppressive legislation the Nats have created a first class police force and given it a completely free hand to "deal with the kaffir". And just in case the Black man gets the idea that since all peaceful avenues have been closed for gaining his rights, and therefore must follow the next natural course - ie. armed struggle - they have an army supplied with the most up-to-date equipment capable of running down guerillas even in the most remote corners of the land. To ensure that their security is not disturbed from abroad they give all out support to the minority regimes on South Africa's frontiers and rattle their fearful sabres at those African states on their borders who might get some ideas about giving sanctuary to freedom fighters and allow them to use their territory as launching pads against the Republic.

This seemingly impregnable arrangement provides comfortably for all concerned. White South Africa enjoys a standard of living second to none in the world and they are not about to surrender that, because their Christian consciences might prick them. Besides, their reading of the bible tells them that the Black man is there to serve their whims and caprices! As regards the civilised countries of the West: the situation offers them the kind of security they need for their investments and which investor can turn down the cheapest labour

The S.A. ELECTION FARCE (Cont.)

force to work his mines and factories? And what are a few FN rifles, Buccaneer aircraft, Mirage aircraft, Saladin armoured cars, Daphne submarines, arms and ammunitions factories, and rocket missile launching pads inside South Africa between friends and, above all, fellow exploiters? Isn't a friend in need a friend indeed?

Let those Afro-Asians howl their heads off at the UN. After all who controls the Security Council - the UN's highest policy making organ? Let the "Campus bums" echo the Afro-Asians (put a few bullets behind their backs, like we did in Sharpeville and My Lai, if they get out of hand). Or let them walk their soles off in protest if they like; it's not worth giving up the "tantalising profits that apartheid pays out.

The imperialist investors are satisfied. Their local agents are equally satisfied. So Apartheid thrives! Only a group that promises to do better than Vorster in providing white South Africa with what they are used to, and makes sure that foreign capital keeps flowing in and remains protected, will provide an alternative white government - but not the ambiguous United Party, not the dubious "multi-racialist" Progressive Party and its qualified franchise (even it may be pro-capitalist). And never the erratic verkramptes of Albert Hertzog. That is what the whole election farce was about, has always been about and will forever be about: HOW TO KEEP THE BLACK MAN DOWN.

The only problem with the logic of both the imperialists and local reactionaries is that it runs counter to better judgement. Oppression breeds revolution and revolution cannot be permanently held down, even if it may be temporarily postponed by fascist repression. Otherwise there would have been no Positive Action Campaign at Sharpeville and Langa. There would not have been the sparks ignited by armed struggle at Lange, Paarl, Krugerdorp, Gator Manor, Qamata, Queenstown, and Bushee Bridge. Those are the sparks that will inevitably burn down the racist-imperialist complex and make way for a truly free, democratic non-racial and socialist Azania.

U.P. TRIES TO BRIBE ARMY

Simonstown.- The Natal Mercury on April 10th reports that as part of an election tactic the previous day a Durban member of the settler parliament told an election rally in South Africa's and Britain's naval base town here, that the U.P. "would radically review the whole pay structure and fringe benefits in defence forces". The M.P. Vause Raw.

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S.A. 'ANTI-TERRORIST' BASE INBANDA'S MALAWI

Johannesburg.- During the big scramble for votes rivals in the South African election brought to light a number of otherwise well kept secrets. For instance Albert Hertzog, a former Telecommunications Minister himself, exposed the phone tapping of lines belonging to political opponents of the regime in a detailed manner and landed in court for doing so; charged with violating the BOSS (Bureau for Social Security) law. Undeterred he went on to expose that Vorster had tried to set up a secret police force as long ago as 1964 but was prevailed upon by Verwoerd (The Argus 18, 1970). But one of the biggest cats let out of the bag was the disclosure by former South African Ambassador in London, C.arel De Wet. Apparently showing off the extent to which his government has gone to "protect white civilisation" in Southern Africa, De Wet, now Minister of Health, boasted that South Africa is working on an "anti-terrorist air-base in Malawi."

Die Beeld, a pro-government Afrikaner newspaper, reported the statement. It appears Vorster got annoyed and instructed his side-kick to deny the statement, but it was too late. The Editor of Die Beeld, chalk Piennaar, publicly repudiated De Wet's denial. According to Sunday Times (Johannesburg) reporters, George Oliver and J.H.P. Serfontein, Vorster and De Wet decided to keep mum and after a week the Times started to stoke the fire once more. The paper said: "On one hand we have Dr. De Wet claiming that he did not say that Malawi airport would be available for South African military use. On the other, we have Beeld claiming to be in possession of Dr. De Wet's exact words in making the claim."

"This is not one of those cases," says the Times on April 12, "in which people euphemistically talk about the 'credibility gap'. - It is a case in which it is imperative that the real truth of the matter should be thrashed out".

Vorster and De Wet still kept mum, probably "fearing charges" under the BOSS Act.

Meanwhile, Banda entwines himself irrevocably to the apron strings of Vorster. Part of his price for selling out Africa to his white masters will be an increase in tourism from South Africa to Malawi, according to the Natal Mercury on April 10.

GLOOMY VIEW OF VORSTER

Johannesburg.- Post, the so-called non-white Sunday newspaper, consoled itself with a gloomy view of Vorster during the elections. An April 12 editorial said: "...poor Mr. Vorster has had to put up with an exploding Lesotho, a suddenly cheeky Botswana, renewed overseas sports disasters ...And at home he is faced with bungling Cabinet Ministers and scandals on every side".

NETHERLANDS PROF "DOGGED" BY S.B.
IN SOUTH AFRICA

Johannesburg.- A Dutch theologian, Professor J. Verkuyl, tasted, during a recent visit to South Africa, what it is like to live under the heel of the descendents of the Dutch criminals who were sent to occupy the Cape in 1652. He was followed everywhere by South African special branch police.

He told a Sunday Times reporter (April 19, 1970) that a South African professor and a number of other people of all races were visited by special branch policemen after he had discussions with them. These people were closely questioned on their discussions with Prof J. Verkuyl. "South Africa is more of a police state than I had visualised", declared the Professor.

And TV men too

A TV team from the Netherlands also had their taste of the methods of the South African political police. The same Sunday Times says: "Films stolen and recording tapes wiped clean are among the 'mysterious happenings' that wrecked plans by a Dutch television team to record programmes on the visit to South Africa of the eminent Professor J. Verkuyl".

The team, Theo Wip and Henk Mochel, belong to the Netherlands Christian Radio Company (NCRV). They visited Johannesburg, Durban, Maritzburg, Cape Town and the Transkei and took several yards of film.

I.C.S. HAS CONFIDENCE IN DE BEERS

Sunday Times, Johannesburg,
April, 1970

London.-Investors Overseas services, the world's biggest mutual fund organisation, emphatically denied tonight that it has been selling large parcels of De Beers and Charter Consolidated shares on the world markets, as confidently claimed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. Reports that ICS was clearing out its holdings of these two shares have scared some South African holders into selling.

In an exclusive interview from the Geneva world headquarters of the Investors Overseas (ICS), Mr. Harold Kaplan, vice-President, swiftly disclaimed any such selling by ICS. "The rumours are without foundation", he said.

N.B. ICS is one of the organisations which gives cover to people who do not want to be publicly associated with investments in apartheid South Africa.

CHAKELA WENT DOWN LIKE A HERO

Maseru.- Suddenly the house which they were keeping as a hide out was surrounded by puppet para-military police, led by British mercenaries. Inside, Lebenya Chakela, one of the most wanted men in Lesotho since the beginning of the state of emergency in January, and Nkhahle Maretlane, a close comrade in arms of his, realised that they had been betrayed and trapped. Before them was the choice of surrender or to fight it out; they opted for the latter.

From the moment they took the decision to fight gun fire lit up the little village of Maruthoane, only ten miles from here. The Johannesburg Post described the encounter between the puppet para-military police and the guerilla fighters as a "violent gun battle". Fighting went on for several hours and a number of policemen were carried away on stretchers, according to eye witnesses. But, true to type, the puppet regime has concealed its casualties from that incident.

Overwhelmingly outnumbered and running out of ammunition the two freedom fighters inside slackened in fire-power, the British mercenaries urged the para-military police to close in and later Lebenya and Nkhahle were killed. Post reports that Koenyama Chakela, the deputy leader of the Basutoland Congress Party, was captured on the same day; the report appeared on Sunday, April 12.

Bombs seized

And the previous day the Argus in Cape Town said mobile police cordoned off the whole of Maseru township, the predominantly African residential area, and searched over 2,000 residents before they found home made bombs hidden in the hills above the capital.

The Argus also says "Successive week-ends in the mountain kingdom have brought violence and death, and the police are on watch to quell any trouble ... reports to the police mobile unit headquarters here said that men unknown in the remote Monsantyan area were gathering. The same paper also reports that about 170 troopers cordoned off the suburbs of Motimposo before dawn (April 11), clamping a temporary curfew while they tramped from house to house, searching premises and people. Policewomen were used to search female suspects.

Post (April 26) tells sordid stories of similar searches in other parts of the country. Mrs. Makhosi Jasong, 21 was dragged to Leabua's Youth Wing headquarters and beaten up. She was accused of going to Cape Town to fetch arms and ammunition. Her baby, removed from her when she was "arrested" was going to be "thrown down the mountain if she does not make a statement", according to Post.

CHAKELA WENT DOWN FIGHTING
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In Mafeteng a bearded supporter of the BCP had paraffin thrown on his beard and set alight. Near there in Thabaneng the Youth League rouges were beaten off and forced to run when they invaded the village in two landrovers. Mobile police immediately came to the hooligans rescue and fired several shots at the villagers armed with mere stones.

Four women killed

In Mathebe the Youth League and mobile police invaded simultaneously and burned down about 60 houses. "Most of the men in the village are in South Africa working on the mines, and the women and children fled. Some children were left behind. Four women who did not run away were beaten to death". Post, April 26. "When I called at the village this week there were only 200 of the original 700 left in the village, many of them children without parents".

The brutality of the Leabua administration has shocked the entire African people of Southern Africa, though they are quite familiar with the tactics of death and destruction perpetrated against them by settler minorities. Consequently even Leabua's closest friends in Botswana and Swaziland are having second thoughts about their ties with the dictator; it was reported from Gaberons (Post) that Botswana and Swaziland now want to withdraw from the Joint University they have with Lesotho at Rome.

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THREE WHITES ATTACKED, ROBBED
& CRIMINALLY ASSAULTED BLACK
WOMEN

Johannesbury.-Three Afrikaner whites waited until the friends of an African domestic servant, Sally, had left her room in Doornfontein and forced their way in by pretending to be police. When the three men got inside they beat her and demanded R5 or R10 from her. Later one of the three tore off the clothes of the Black woman and criminally assaulted her. A Johannesburg Magistrate has dutifully committed the three men, S.J. van Wyk, F.J. du Preez and Barend van Wyk, to trial but the final verdict is predictable. Wither they will get an outright discharge or a light prison sentence. Change the characters in the whole ugly incident, let Sally be white and the three attackers be black, and they would have been lucky to crawl into the court room on their knees. But this is South Africa, the paradise in the Sun for whites from all over the world. The crude violation of African women which heralded the arrival of settlers 300 years and more ago goes largely unpunished and will continue to go unpunished until the Black men liberate them. (Information from Post, April 26, 1970)

INTERNATIONAL CAPITAL AND S.A.
BUSINESS

Johannesburg.-The giant R3500-million Swiss Credit Bank is moving into South Africa. The bank has announced that it is setting up a Johannesburg office later this year.

Last night the newly appointed representative in South Africa, Mr. P.G. Eggstein, who is managing director of Rand Earthworks Construction, said it was planned to establish closer links between Switzerland and leading South African financial institutions.

The Swiss Credit Bank has reported a 40 per cent increase in turnover last year and a third increase in total assets. The establishment of an office in Johannesburg is part of a world wide expansion programme.

When the Swiss Credit Bank opens in Johannesburg this will mean that the "big three" Swiss banks will be represented in South Africa. The other two are the Union Bank of Switzerland and Swiss Banking Corporation.

Sunday Times, Johannesburg,
April 19, 1970.

Salisbury.- Embassy cigarettes, which enjoy 25 per cent of the total cigarette market in Britain, was launched in Rhodesia this week by B.A.T. Rhodesia, local associates of the world's largest tobacco product manufacturers.

B.A.T. are to spend R47000 on promotion. Of this R32000 will be spent during the next six months on radio, TV and Press advertising. It is the biggest promotion since Benson & Hedges was launched here in 1965.

Sunday Times, Johannesburg;
April 19, 1970.

Cape Town.-South African companies which have reported profit figures since the beginning of this year provide an interesting comparison with the American business scene ...

The healthy appearance of the South African returns sheds an encouraging light on the country's economy and lends substance to the hopes of the undismayed who expect the market to recover from its present pessimism after the election.

Argus, Cape Town,
April 18, 1970.

Johannesburg.- "If businessmen outside South Africa get it into their heads that people in South Africa not only have to obey the law and conventions and agreements that govern our industry, but also have to be active supporters of government policies to get a fair deal, it is a very serious thing for this country" - Harry Oppenheimer, South Africa's leading industrialist.

Times, London,
April 28, 1970.

INTERNATIONAL CAPITAL & S.A.
BUSINESS (Continued)

Johannesburg.--A mysterious Belgian-based investment group has become the single biggest shareholder in Zandplan Gold Mining, the R10 million a year South African gold mine administered by the Angovaal group.

West Rand Investment Trust (Writs), a member of the Anglo-American Corporation group that has long been the biggest shareholder, has been pushed into second place.

Zandplan's annual report shows that the biggest shareholder at the end of the 1969 financial year was Soges Societe Anonyme, which held 1,792,220 of the mines issued 13,020,285 shares.

Zandplan has always been popular on the Continent, especially with people gambling on a rise in the price of gold.

Sunday Times, Johannesburg,
April 19, 1970.

NEWSBRIEFS FROM AZANIA:

Apartheid job squeeze

Cape Town (Daily Telegraph). The South African Government introduced widespread curbs on the employment of Africans in white areas. Tens of thousands of shop assistants, salesmen, receptionists, telephonists, clerks, cashiers and typists were affected. Announcing the rules which take effect on May 3, Dr. Piet Koornhof, Deputy Minister of Bantu Administration, said: "this brings to an end labour intergration in South Africa, I am proud to say".

S.A. Consul kidnap scare

Wellington, New Zealand, (Sunday Times, April 12) .- The South African Consul-General in New Zealand, Mr. P.H. Philip, has shrugged off a threat that he will be kidnapped - but the police have not treated it so casually. The caller, a man, said it was planned to kidnap Mr. Philip as a means of compelling the New Zealand Government to stop the All Black rugby tour of South Africa this year.

Pass racket scandal

Johannesburg (Post, April 12),- Three top officials of the Bantu Federation of South Africa, a pro-apartheid body, were alleged in the Johannesburg Regional Court last week to have defrauded 127 members in a country-wide pass racket. The Transvaal President, George Mathonsi, and the founder of the organisation, G.M.E. Ndawo, were remanded in custody after pleading not guilty with the secretary, Dorah Hlomuka, 30, to 127 counts of fraud.

THE U.S. WAR OF LIES IN SOUTH EAST ASIA

by David M. Sibeko

The Chieftain of U.S. imperialism, Richard Nixon, a fanatical warmonger, has shed his peace negotiations sheepskin and come out nude in his tiger skin; he has spread the American war of aggression in Vietnam, which he was simultaneously waging in Laos, to yet another South East Asia country, Cambodia.

This war was started on a lie: that the Vietnamese people invited US aggressor troops to "protect" them against communists. It has been maintained on lies: that US aggressor troops are defending "democracy". Inevitably the war of aggression will be defeated by US imperialism's own lies: the falsification of combat victories and American casualties in the battlefield.

Let us first deal with the last category of lies, and then work our way up: "There has still been no mention in the American military communiqués of the destruction of Snoul, a once peaceful town (supposed to be a "Vietcong stronghold with 2,000 troops)..."

"The Americans claim that as many as 128 communist soldiers were killed in the battle for Snoul ... Journalists who visited the shattered town found no more than half a dozen bodies, of which several were civilians and one a child. It is not known on what basis Americans made their body count". This quotation is from the London Times of May 9. It exposes the kind of lies with which American people have been fed for the past nine years.

Worst corrupt regime

The successive US puppet regimes in Saigon, from Ngo Diem down to Thieu and Ky, are ~~known~~ known for their corruption. Thieu the latest chief puppet, has exposed himself for the despot he is on numerous occasions: he jails political rivals, violates even the puppets own "National Assembly" where his police have dragged out deputies and locked them up, and he ruthlessly suppresses anti-war demonstrators, including crippled war victims, women and children. That disposes of the lie about "defending democracy".

The original lie needs no elaboration. The invasion of Cambodia at the beginning of May blows that kind of myth to smithereens. Nixon, like Johnson before him, is trying hard to build an American empire dreamt up by US imperialists during and after the last world war. But the Americans and their puppets have already been defeated in China and Korea by progressive forces waging people's war. These victories have inspired liberation minded people all over the world, particularly the Vietnamese people who have a heroic tradition of repulsing foreign aggressors dating back thousands of years and have recently humiliated a modern imperialist power, France.

The U.S. War of Lies in South
East Asia (continuing)

The young people in the United States, having their priorities sorted out correctly, have always been in the fore-front of the anti-U.S. imperialist war of aggression movement. For this correct stand they have been subjected to similar violence inside America, this is how four of them were killed at Kent, in Ohio, soon after Nixon invaded Cambodia. Further, Nixon and his Man-Friday, Spiro Agnew, have unleashed the vilest verbal abuse against the American youth. Undeterred by the killings at Kent and the accompanying insults the young people have persisted in their just struggle and enjoy the full support of 95 per cent of the world's population.

Recently the leaders of the people of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia met on the common border of their countries with China. They took resolute decisions to wage relentless struggle against the common enemy, U.S. imperialism. Since then the struggle has been intensified on all fronts. On the very day the U.S. aggressors crossed into Cambodia from Vietnam the armed forces of the South Vietnam National Front for Liberation hit over 100 U.S. and puppet bases all over South Vietnam. In North Vietnam several U.S. pirate planes were brought down as they ventured to escalate the war all round. In Laos important territory was recovered and liberated by the Pathet Lao. Similarly in Cambodia the guerillas loyal to the legitimate government headed by Prince Sihanouk took over a number of towns and encircled Phnom Penh; bringing closer the downfall of the CIA sponsored Lon Nol regime.

The successive victories recorded by the liberation armies have proved the point: Nixon, like all reactionaries, is just a paper tiger. Certain defeat faces his aggressor troops in South East Asia, the forces of liberation will triumph. No amount of lies can prevent the inevitable.

AL FATAH SALUTES THE P.A.C.

Cairo.- The Palestine National Liberation Movement - Al Fatah - has sent the following message to the P.A.C. Mission in the United Arab Republic: 'Revolutionaries of the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania, in the name of the Palestine National Liberation Movement, "Fateh", that leads the Armed Palestinian Revolution against the Zionist enemy that occupied our homeland, we greet you. You are waging a hum and just war against the foreign settler in South Africa that exploits the indigenous African people.

"We consider the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania the vanguard liberatory Organisation of the politically oppressed and economically exploited like all revolutionary movements the world over. Al Fateh is an integral part of that movement. Therefore we support the just and legal struggle you are waging as well as the struggle of all the people of Africa, Asia and Latin America."

Al Fatah salutes the P.A.C.
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The militant message concludes:

"We pledge that our Armed Palestinian Revolution will continue its revolutionary march until victory is achieved.

Long live the struggle of the oppressed people all over the world:

Long live the solidarity and friendship between Al Fatah and the Pan Africanist Congress:

Revolution until Victory!

AZANIA YOUTH MOVEMENT LAUNCHED
IN BRITAIN

London.- Revolutionary youth from Azania currently studying or working in the United Kingdom have launched an organisation and they have given it the name, AZANIA YOUTH MOVEMENT. The members of the Organisation have pledged themselves to the leadership, programme and policies of the Pan Africanist Congress of Azania.

In a statement issued by the Secretary of the Provisional Secretariat the Azania Youth Movement, or AYM, has declared: "The oppression of our compatriots in Azania, the growth of militarism and murder of our fighting comrades, the decadency of reformist movements, have been serving racism and capitalism in Azania.

To-day when youth all over the world is rising to reject imperialism, when millions of young Vietnamese, together with their fellow workers and peasants, are waging armed struggle against the most ferocious enemy of mankind, U.S. imperialism. it is more urgent than ever before for the patriotic youth of the Fatherland to identify in action with the vanguard Movement, the Pan Africanist Congress, and work shoulder to shoulder with its militant cadres for the waging of a protracted people's war.

"As young Pan Africanists we are inspired by the revolutionary fighting youth all over the world and we pledge our support for all the struggles against racialism, colonialism, neo-colonialism, imperialism - led by the United States, and modern revisionism - led by the Soviet Union.

"Our aims and objects are the same as those of the vanguard movement, (The Pan Africanist Congress), and we owe our loyalty to the inspiring leadership of Mangaliso Sobukwe. We pledge our loyalty unreservedly and we are fully committed to pursuing the revolutionary line of the P.A.C., against racist oppression and imperialist exploitation as well as against petty bourgeois leadership, reformist and all reactionary tendencies. We shall resolutely defend the P.A.C. against malicious slanders and blatant lies that are the stock in trade of the sinister white liberals, pseudo communists and their Uncle Tom hirelings".

The statement signed by the Secretary, Vincent Segoai, went on to list the following aims of the AYM:

AZANIA YOUTH MOVEMENT LAUNCHED
IN BRITAIN (Continued from Page 13)

1. To identify with the struggling Azanian masses in the fight for the overthrow of white domination and creation of a non-racial socialist democratic Azania;
2. To train recruits and study jointly the programme of Pan Africanism;
3. To explain the policies of the Pan Africanist Congress and oppose wanton attacks and vilification;
4. To participate in all of the P.A.C.'s activities and respond positively to any programme to which we may be assigned;
5. To work for the strengthening of youth forces of the Pan Africanist movement in the country side as well as the urban areas of Azania;
6. To propagate the necessary cultural revolution so as to devalue western standards and project Black Power and the African personality;
7. To show our solidarity with all forces engaged in the struggle against imperialism, colonialism and fascism and forces that accept the guidance of Marxism-Leninism-Mao Tse Tung thought.
8. To expedite the Pan African solidarity between Black people in the United States of America, the Caribbean, in Europe and other parts of the world, with the African people back in the Mother Continent;

MEMORANDUM

Membership to the movement is open to all Azanian youth who believe in the above programme, aims and objectives.

This is the second Azania Youth Movement to be established abroad; the other was established in Pakistan two years ago.

ALBANIA'S COMRADE GOGO NUSHI: A
SHINING EXAMPLE FOR EXILED
REVOLUTION RIES

London.- Comrade Gogo Nushi, President of the Central Council of Albanian Trade Unions and a member of the Political Bureau of the Party of Labour, died after a grave illness on April 9, this year. Comrade Gogo Nushi was an outstanding fighter against international imperialism and he left behind an impressive record of revolutionary struggle.

Comrade Gogo Nushi was born in Albania's Vuno district on December 15, 1913. At the age of 14, pushed by dire economic conditions, he left his home to seek work in France. In the 12 years that he lived in France he intergrated himself with the working class movement there, by 1935 his distinguished activities had earned him membership of the French Communist Party. But possessed by a strong

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Shining example for exiled
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sense of duty towards the Fatherland he carried out broad patriotic activity to the advantage of Albania; he organised emigre Albanians and became a distinguished member of the Federation of Albanians in France.

When he heard of the fascist occupation of Albania he returned, 1940, to take part directly in the struggle, fighting shoulder to shoulder with the great leader of the Albanian people - Comrade Enver Hoxha. He helped found the Albanian Communist Party (to-day the Party of Labour) and was the party organisation's head in the capital, Tirana, during the anti-fascist struggle. Others of his high responsibilities include commanding the first, second and fourth divisions of the Albanian People Army.

After liberation Comrade Gogo Nushi once more played a leading role in Albania's protracted struggle, this time in the reconstruction of the homeland and the building of socialism. In 1958 he became President of the Central Council of Albanian Trade Unions, a position he held until his death.

Comrade Gogo Nushi's outstanding record as a valiant fighter against fascists and imperialists is a shining example for all genuine revolutionaries, particularly those that have been forced into exile or have emigrated to countries abroad because of the political situation in their homelands.

THE WORST DROUGHT IN S.A. HISTORY

Argus, April 18, 1970

Cape Town.- Whatever South Africa's farmers had been through in the past, 'nothing is comparable with the position the farming community finds itself in today', Mr. Len de Geus, Secretary of the Merino Stud Breeders Association of South Africa, said this week. Speaking from Graaf Reinet he said it was generally believed ... that the present drought was worse than that of 1933.

N.B. Over BBC Television an Afrikaner headmaster blamed it on the mini-skirt and said the drought was "God's punishment".

VORSTER & BANDA HATCHING DIABOLICAL
PLOT AGAINST FREEDOM FIGHTERS

Johannesburg.-South Africa's fascist prime minister sneaked into Malawi at Banda's "invitation" on May 19 hot on the heels of persistent reports that a South African military air-base is being erected in Lilongwe. During the election campaign the now demoted Minister of Health in South Africa, Carel De Wet, formerly the Ambassador in London, disclosed that an "anti-terrorist" military air base was being built in Malawi. He later denied ever making such a statement but the Editor of the pro-Government Afrikaner newspaper, Die Beeld, publicly repudiated De Wet and insisted that his paper had quoted the minister correctly.

Commenting on the diabolical plot in which Banda is involved the Johannesburg Sunday Times (April 19) said: "This is not one of those cases in which people euphemistically talk about the 'credibility gap'. - It is a case in which it is imperative that the real truth of the matter should be thrashed out". Well the truth may never be thrashed out but the fact that a month later Vorster has decided to make his first ever official visit outside South Africa, he has left the country's borders only once before, for a holiday in South America, indicates the graveness of this threat against freedom fighters and independent African states which support the liberation struggle.

The Observer (London) on Sunday, May 17, says the military airbase may be used to strike at "freedom fighters camps" in free Africa. This means that Banda has escalated his anti-African activities to a stage where he is prepared to use Malawian territory for aggression against progressive African countries. It is therefore imperative for the Organisation of African Unity's Heads of State Assembly to seriously reconsider Malawi's continued membership of the Continental body. Failure to do so will merely encourage other anti-African liberation regimes in Southern Africa to continue to flout the rules and regulations of the OAU with impunity, as Banda certainly does.

PAN AFRICANIST CONGRESS SENDS MESSAGE
TO SIHANOUK

Dar es Salaam (Hsinhua).- The Pan Africanist Congress of Azania (South Africa) sent a message on April 16 to Samdech Norodom Sihanouk, Head of State of Cambodia, expressing militant solidarity with and firm support for the just struggle of the Cambodian people against U.S. imperialism and the right wing Cambodian coup clique. The message was sent through the delegation of the legal government of Cambodia to the preparatory meeting of the conference on Non-Aligned Countries.

The message said the Azanian and Kmer people have not only been victims of the same enemy, the U.S. led imperialism, but have been comrades-in-arms in the struggle against imperialism, colonialism and fascism.

The message pointed out: "U.S. imperialism, through its agency CIA, subverted the legal Government and substituted a puppet clique for it. This blatant interference in the internal affairs of Cambodia by U.S. imperialism is another proof of the vicious nature of US imperialism and further confirms the truth that U.S. imperialism is the number one enemy of the world's people".

The message stressed: "The people can only be victorious if they meet reactionary violence of the enemy with the revolutionary violence of the people and here we draw a great encouragement from the armed struggle initiated by the Khmer people to liberate their country from the clutches of the fascist Lon Nol clique and its master, U.S. imperialism".